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1. THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO RESPOND IN HIS BEHALF TO YOUR REFTEL ON THE WOODWARD STORY ET. AL. HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE CHANNEL DESCRIBED PARA 3 AND WANTS TO TALK THINGS OVER WHEN YOU RETURN FOR THE CHURCH AND PERCY/ RIBICOFF HEARINGS. I WILL KEEP CHARLIE NAAS INFORMED ON THE LATTER.

2. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT POTTINGER CALLED US LAST WEEK TO INQUIRE AS TO YOUR WHEREABOUTS. I EXPLAINED THAT YOU PLANNED TO BE IN WASHINGTON IN LATE JANUARY FOR A SERIES OF CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS. HE DID NOT ASK THEN, NOR HAVE WE

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BEEN ASKED SUBSEQUENTLY, THAT YOU RETURN ANY EARLIER THAN

JANUARY 25. FURTHERMORE WE WILL DISCOURAGE ANY SUCH REQUESTS SHOULD THEY SURFACE.

3. THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT HE HAS, AND WILL ALWAYS HAVE, FULL CONFIDENCE IN YOU. HE SENDS HIS BEST WISHES, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU LATER THIS MONTH.

4. WARM REGARDS. KISSINGER

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